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RE: Former Celotex Main Site - First Semi-annual 2015 Inspection Summary

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CH2M HILL conducted the first semi-annual inspection of 2015 on April 6 at the former Celotex Main Site. The inspection was conducted in accordance with the USEPA-approved post-removal site control plan (Section 4 of the Final Main Site Cover Construction Completion Report, CH2M HILL, January 2010) and per the access agreement established with the property owner (Chicago Park District, CPD) in August 2012. A summary of prior inspections and reduction in inspection frequency over time as approved by USEPA is documented in the February 2015 Inspection Summary Report. Now that CPD site redevelopment is essentially complete, the inspection summary provided here has been streamlined as discussed with USEPA.

Overall, there were no site conditions that compromise the integrity of the cover system or protectiveness of the remedy implemented as designed. However, the following observations were noted:

- Park construction activities were complete or nearing completion across most of the site. No changes were observed below the grades and surface features established by CPD.
- The gravel cap previously constructed on the surface of the site, is completely covered by constructed park features. While the original cap can't be observed directly, CPD addition of material has created an overall thicker cap than originally constructed. The only vegetation on the cap portion of the site are grassed areas that were created during park construction.
- In the few areas undisturbed by construction, no change in side slope or swale areas was observed that would impact the overall thickness of the cover or the protectiveness of the remedy.
- Fescue blend grasses remain present with > 90% coverage in the swale and side slope areas that have not been disturbed by park construction activities.
- The swales around the site perimeter appear to be functioning as designed with no signs of surface water erosion or channeling.

As noted above and per prior USEPA approval, the inspection frequency is semi-annual in 2015 with the next inspection therefore in late Q3-2015. In addition, per the Inspection Summary Report, the first 5-year review will be conducted at the end of 2015.

Please contact us with any questions. Thank you.

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